

MINUTES

South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m., November 14, 2023
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive
Kingtree Building
Columbia, SC 29210
Low Country Conference Room

1. Meeting Called to Order

Rafe Dixon, Chairperson called the regular meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Commission Members Present:

Julian R. Dixon, Jr., Chairperson
James Bryan Hope, Vice-Chairperson
Matthew Holiday
Lisa Davey
Gwen Bryant

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Marcie Green- Advice Counsel
Robert Dean- Investigator
Laura Smith, Board Executive
Cory Griffin- Admin Assistant
Otis Richardson- Admin Assistant
Alexis Bell- ODC

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Joseph Burns

A. Public Notice

Mr. Dixon announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Auctioneers' Commission office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dixon called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made the motion to approve the agenda, and requested to discuss Association CE funding. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Introduction of Commission Members

The Commission members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Excused Absences

All present.

5. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting

The Commission members reviewed the minutes. Mr. Dixon called for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Chairperson's Remarks – Rafe Dixon

Mr. Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. A plaque was presented to Joseph Burns.

7. Board Executive Remarks – Laura Smith

A. Financial Report

Ms. Smith informed the Commission that the cash balance on September 30, 2023 was \$630,790.77 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$125,000.

B. 2024 Commission Meetings

Ms. Smith presented the 2024 Commission meeting dates and requested to move the March meeting to February 20, 2024. The Commission agreed to move the March meeting to February 20th.

8. Reports

A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) – Robert Dean

Mr. Dean informed the commission that there were 2 open cases that were up for dismissal, and 3 formal complaints. Ms. Davey made a motion to approve the IRC report. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) – Robert Dean

Mr. Dean presented the OIE report as information only. The Board accepted this report as information.

C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) – Alexis Bell

Ms. Bell presented the ODC Report as information only. There are no pending hearings & agreements.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

CE Audit/ CE Broker

Motion: Mr. Holiday made a motion to send out letters of caution, with ten days for the licensee to respond with proof of CE Broker completion. If not, the licensee must complete 4 additional CE hours within 30 days.

Motion: Mr. Holiday amended the motion to amend and add a requirement after the letter of caution is served giving 30 days to complete CE hours. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Payment to SCAA from Recovery Fund

Discussion ensued concerning funding CE for the SCAA Conference for SC auctioneer licensees.

Motion: Ms. Davey made a motion to approve money to be used for education at conventions for auctioneers. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Public Comments

None

12. Executive Session

None

13. Adjournment

Mr. Dixon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Davey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Dixon, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the November 14, 2023 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 12:37 p.m.